



September Field Trip

The September Field Trip was taken to Alameda on Sunday, the 12th. The weather was perfect. High tide at Ft. Point was 4.4 feet at 8:39 a. m., PST. Low tide was 3.4 feet at 1:23 p. m. The party met at Santa Clara Ave. and High St. at 10:55 a. m. PDT, and immediately proceeded to the pond on Bay Farm Island. In the pond about half way between the bend in the road and the bay shore on McCartney Drive is a narrow sand island formed during dredging operations in 1947 - 48. Here a concentration of about 4000 Western Sandpipers, 800 Avocets, 200 Sanderlings, gulls, terns and Pintail Ducks was found. Along the shore about 400 Marbled Godwits were massed. Our field trip was taken in competition with aviation day celebration at the Oakland Municipal Airport. This may have accounted for the large numbers of avocets and godwits loafing here. For the past few months the sandpipers have used this area while waiting for the tide to recede. After lunch we drove along the Doelittle Road (formerly referred to as Garbage Dump Road) but the constant flying of planes over the little pools and shore had driven most of the birds away. As traffic conditions became worse the party disbursed. A few went to the west end on Alameda near the Naval Base but found people had taken possession of the beach. Others drove to the foot of 66th Ave., East Oakland, where birds are known to loaf but found only a few large waders and some pintail ducks. Returning to Alameda via High St. Bridge and following the shore at Fernside the whole mud flat to Bay Farm Island Bridge was covered with shore birds.

Fifty-eight members and guests were present.

Thirty-one species were observed:

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| Double-crested | Greater Yellow-legs | Meadow Lark |
| Cormorant | Least Sandpiper | Red-winged Blackbird |
| Great Blue Heron | Dowitcher | Bonaparte Gull |
| Pintail Duck | Western Sandpiper | Forster Tern |
| Snowy Plover | Marbled Godwit | Barn Swallow |
| Semipalmated Plover | Sanderling | House Sparrow |
| Killdeer | Avocet | Brewer Blackbird |
| Black-bellied Plover | Northern Phalarope | Cowbird |
| Long-billed Curlew | Western Gull | House Finch |
| Hudsonian Curlew | California Gull | Savannah Sparrow |
| Willet | Ring-billed Gull | |

Junea W. Kelly, *Leader and Historian.*

Observations

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The following observations have been reported:

A huge flock of Sooty Shearwaters, August 21 beyond the lighthouse, Lands End, San Francisco. (The line was flying south and took an hour to pass.); three Black-necked Stilts, Alviso Marshes, Aug. 20, Florence Plymell.

Golden-crowned Sparrow, Sept. 13; White-breasted Nuthatch, Sept. 17, 6477 Gwinn Road, Oakland, Mrs. D. L. Bruce.

Duck Hawk chasing Phalaropes, Sept. 9, Dumbarton Bridge; Western Tanager, Sept. 12, Alameda; two White-tailed Kites, Red-shouldered Hawk, Sept. 15, Silverado Trail; two Say Phoebes, Sept. 15, Howell Mt., Junea W. Kelly.

High Lights of September Meeting

The Butano Forest Associates solicit your interest in the preservation of this redwood grove, which is adjacent to Big Basin in the Santa Cruz Mts. If \$600,000 can be raised, the State will appropriate a like amount. You can write your County Supervisors, urging an appropriation for this purpose. A large percent of the campers come from the Bay Area. Personal contributions can also be sent to the Associate c/o A. H. Sagehorn, Treas., Court House, Redwood City, Calif.

"Saguaroland" by Karl Maslowski of The Audubon Screen Tours, will be presented in Wheeler Hall, University of California Oct. 4th and again at California Academy of Sciences Golden Gate Park, San Francisco October 6th.

The "CARE" package sent to Kurt Merkel, Ornithologist, Frankfurt, Germany was gratefully acknowledged. This is made possible by contributions of members and guests.

Hazel Walsh, *Recording Secretary*.

October Field Trip

The October field trip of the Association will be held on Sunday, October 17th. The party will meet at Fulton St. and 10th Ave. at 9:30 A. M.

The leader will be Mrs. D. M. Curtis who will explore that part of Golden Gate Park near the Pioneer Cabin, then Stow Lake, next the unfrequented part of the Park on the South Drive and will end the trip at the Chain of Lakes. Bring friends, lunch, and binoculars.

October Meeting

The 373rd meeting of the Audubon Association of the Pacific will be held Thursday, October 14th at 8 P. M. in the Assembly Hall of the Public Library, Larkin and McAllister Sts. San Francisco. Howard L. Cogswell, Ornithologist, recently Director of San Gabriel River Wildlife Sanctuary in Southern California, and on the staff of the National Audubon Nature Camp at Norden, near Donner Summit, will speak on "Birds of the Norden Area", illustrated with kodachrome slides.